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FOOTBALL COACH RECEIVES OFFICIAL REPRIMAND FOR HIS ACTION AFTER THE GAME

Luverne High School fined \$500 and placed on one year probation

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Alabama High School Athletic Association announced this week that Luverne High School had been fined and placed on one year probation for an incident involving the attack on a game official during its Oct. 20, football game against Elba High School.

In addition to the fine and probation placed on the school, a Luverne football player was suspended from participating in any interscholastic sports activities for the remainder of the 1995-96 school year, and a Luverne coach was reprimanded for his actions after the game.

In a statement released this week by Alan Mitchell, an official with the Alabama High School Athletic Association, Luverne High School has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for one year for "flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct" displayed by a Luverne High School football player and coach during its game against Elba High School.

Tyrell Jones, a member of the Luverne football team, attacked a

game official while on the field of play, prompting a physical confrontation with the game official.

The student has been suspended for the remainder of the school year from participating in any further interscholastic activity.

Luverne assistant coach Chip Harris was reprimanded for his actions following the game. He reportedly left the pressbox and went to the area of the endzone, where he made derogatory remarks directed toward the game officials, and had to be physically restrained.

According to Mitchell, any further acts of unsportsmanlike conduct by anyone associated with Luverne High School could lead to additional action taken against the school.

The incident occurred late in the Elba-Luverne football game on Oct. 20, 1995, when Elba drove 86 yards and scored the winning touchdown with only 18 seconds left in the game. After the ensuing two-point conversion, Jones approached game official Mike Washington, a member of the Central Alabama Football Officials' Association, and swung at the 10-

year veteran, but missed. Washington then grabbed Jones and held him to the ground until Luverne coaches arrived and removed the player from the field.

"I don't think an official can ever provoke being attacked," Washington stated in an interview with The Montgomery Advertiser. "I think it was a bunch of kids out of control. I've had bad calls against me when I played, but I've never been that outraged to attack an official."

Washington is a former football player at the University of Alabama and played professionally with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and has been a football official since 1984. He is now employed with the Montgomery Department of Parks and Recreation.

"I'm going to retire after this year," added Washington. "I've had my share of it. I'm going to finish the year out in football. After Friday night, I've never seen anything like it and I don't want to see it again."

"It was an unfortunate thing," Luverne coach Butch Norman stated in the interview, "but the high

school athletic association was exactly right. They had no choice. I told him (Jones) that after it happened on Friday, I told him 'you're through.'"

While Luverne fans have contended that Washington may have provoked the attack, the Montgomery official strongly denied the charge.

"I sure didn't provoke him," said Washington. "I can tell you that. I don't think I threw but one flag the whole night. I didn't talk trash when I played ball. Why would an official talk trash?"

"We dance the dance, pay the fiddler, take our medicine and go on," continued Coach Norman. "We wrote a letter to Elba and the high school athletic association apologizing. It was something you think would never happen, but it happened in a heartbeat."



REFEREES, COACHES AND PLAYER CONVERGE

HURRICANE DAMAGE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Coffee County BOE long winded

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held another semi-marathon meeting Monday evening lasting almost three hours.

Board members spent almost two hours in a disciplinary hearing involving a female student at New Brockton High School.

After reconvening from the disciplinary hearing, which was held in closed session, the board voted to continue the student's suspension from school until November 6.

The student will then be allowed to return to class; however, she will remain on in-school suspension and be on probation for the remainder of the school year.

Damages to facilities caused by Hurricane Opal continue to plague the board.

One of the most seriously damaged buildings was the Zion Chapel Elementary School. The building sustained major damage to the roof. The students and faculty are still having to do some shuffling when it rains.

Temporary repairs have been made to the roof, but when it rains, there are still some problems with leaking.

In Monday's meeting, Superin-

tendent Clayton Bryant presented the board with two bids on making the necessary repairs to the building's roof.

Marty Robbins Roofing Company submitted a bid of \$25,850.00 and Tri-State Roofing & Remodeling's bid was for \$30,000.00. Bids were based on repair specifications prepared by the architectural firm hired by the board, Holmes & Green, Inc. of Dothan, AL.

Both companies, which are located in Dothan, AL, stated that they could begin repairs the first week in December and that the work should take approximately a week to complete.

Bryant recommended that the board take the low bid on the repairs. A motion was made and seconded to that effect.

During the discussion period of the motion, several of the board members voiced their concern on replacing the "flat roof" on the building. They stated that they preferred to see the damaged roof replaced with a "pitched roof."

It was noted by other board members that this could cause the repair work to be delayed if the roof design is changed from its original status.

They also voiced concern that the delay could increase the possibility of further damage by rains and also hinder teachers in their performance and students in their classroom.

A vote to accept the low bid failed to pass. A motion was made to table the matter until the superintendent could get an estimate on putting a pitch roof on the building. He was also to check on the time frame in which the repairs could be made

should the board approve the pitch roof.

The motion to table failed on the first vote but after further discussion it passed. A special meeting will probably be called as soon as the superintendent has the information.

In another disaster related repair, the board gave the go ahead on making the necessary repairs to the gym in Kinston. It had damage caused by Hurricane Opal to a sizable portion of the roof (32 x 60 feet).

Supt. Bryant informed board members that county schools missed only one student day due to the hurricane. He also noted that a 1/2 day of teacher's in-service was lost.

Bryant proposed that the student day be made up on Monday, December 18 and that the teacher's 1/2 day in-service be made up on February 16.

He noted that the original school calendar called for classes be dismissed on Friday, December 15, for Christmas holidays.

Bryant further noted that February 16 was already scheduled to be a 1/2 day in-service day for teachers. With this recommendation, it would simply become a whole day of in-service.

After about thirty minutes of discussion, the board voted to approve Bryant's recommendation on the make up days.

Other matters of business acted on by the board consisted of the following:

***Hired Earl Campbell as a

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Veteran's Day Celebration scheduled

The Ft. Rucker Wiregrass Chapter of the AUSA (Association of the United States Army) announced Monday that Veteran's Day will be celebrated in the Wiregrass with a special ceremony.

On Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m., a special ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II will be held.

The event, sponsored by the Wiregrass Chapter of the AUSA, will take place at National Security's Veteran's Memorial Park located in Elba on U.S. Highway 84E.

During the celebration, World War II Veterans will be honored.

WWII Veterans are invited to participate by representing their branch of the service or National Guard Unit.

Those veterans who would like to take part in the ceremony or anyone wanting additional information should contact National Security at 1-800-239-2358, Ext. 204.

Dedicated in 1985, the Veteran's Memorial Park was built by National Security Insurance Company to honor the men and women who have served and made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their nation.

Ceremonies in years past have honored those who served in the Korean War and Vietnam Conflict.

In 1994, a special ceremony paid tribute to the women of the U. S. Military, and a plaque was placed in the park in their honor.

National Security founders, who are among the country's World War



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK LOCATED IN ELBA

II Veterans, and the company's 85 employees from Coffee, Dale, Covington, Geneva and other local counties invite Wiregrass residents

to attend the November 11 patriotic salute honoring brave Americans and observing the anniversary of a historical milestone.

Farm-City Week set for Nov. 17-23

Coffee County's Annual Farm-City Week Celebration is set for November 17-23, 1995.

This year, some things are being done a little different. On Monday, November 6, a press conference will

be held at the Farm Center and this year's award recipient will be announced.

Those receiving awards will be present to receive their awards, and they will also be recognized on the night of the annual banquet.

The Farm-City Banquet is set for Thursday, November 16, 1995, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual event. They may be obtained from the County Extension Office in New Brockton or by contacting your local Chamber of Commerce.

This year's entertainment for the banquet is Bryan Townsend.

Townsend is a member of the National Speakers Association and has been recognized as a *Certified Speaking Professional*.

He is an active motivational humorist, speaking to various groups all across the country on the topic, *Making Good Things Happen*. His humor has been quoted by Paul Harvey, the late Lewis Gizzard and USA Today.

In addition to speaking, Bryan is a writer. He writes advertising copy, articles for corporate newsletters, and is the author of the book, *Life Is An Adventure*.

Bryan and his family live on Logan Martin Lake in east central Alabama. His wife and childhood sweetheart, Judy Babe, is a kindergarten teacher. They have two sons and a daughter.

The evening is expected to be one

FARM-CITY WEEK
NOV. 17-23, 1995



BRYAN TOWNSEND

of good food, warm fellowship, great entertainment, and loads of fun. Better get your tickets NOW!

Fund-raising even planned

On Saturday, November 4, there will be a fund raising benefit held for Deborah Moore Williams.

The event will be at the New Brockton High School beginning at 2:00 p.m. and going until 6:00 p.m.

Deborah was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and must undergo a series of chemotherapy treatments. All monies raised will be used to help her with her medical expenses.

Planned events include a yard sale/flea market, raffles, bake sale, and catfish dinner plates selling for \$3.50 each.

There will also be various musical groups form the area providing entertainment throughout the evening.

Deborah, a licensed practical nurse, is a long-time employee of the Elba Nursing Home.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and support this worthwhile project which is being put together by Deborah's many friends.

City announces holiday schedule

The City of Elba will be closed Friday, November 10, 1995, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 13, 1995.

There will be standby crews for electrical, water, street, or sewer emergencies. Calls should be directed to the police department at 897-2555.

The garbage pickup schedule will remain unchanged except for Thursday's route which will be run on Wednesday.

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HOME COMING

NOTES

There will be a bonfire at the Elba High School on Thursday (TONIGHT) at 6:30 p.m. Everyone wishing to participate is being asked to meet in the student parking area at the high school.

***A pep rally will be held at Tiger Stadium Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. The alumni and general public are invited to attend.

***The Annual Homecoming Parade will be held in Downtown Elba beginning at 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The tragic school bus/train wreck last week in Illinois should shake us all a bit. More importantly, those involved with school buses should review all their routes, looking for any similar hazard potential. While we don't know of any crossings and signal lights tied together as they are in Fox River Grove, there are probably other potentially dangerous situations which need to be addressed regularly with drivers if they can't be eliminated completely.

The GOP is rolling toward a balanced national budget for the first time in many years. It ain't a bit too soon! Right now over half the money collected in taxes goes to pay the annual interest on the national debt. Having said that, this fiscal conservative ain't real happy with the income tax cut which will reportedly save taxpayers \$245 billion over the next seven years. Worries over the national debt prompt this reaction from this corner. Our limited thinking is that it would be better to apply these billions to that huge debt, 'cause the tax savings will not be enough to do any one person a whole lot of good. We are getting along without those few dollars right now, so why not?

This is only the first part of November but Christmas is just around the corner. Just how close this was pointed out brightly to us before daylight on Wednesday morning, October 25th. We were driving down the road and there was a home with Christmas lights already lit up and blinking! We grew up in a society where Christmas decorations went up ONLY after Thanksgiving and had to be down and stored before New Year's Day. All that is different now and doesn't really bother us. America is a country founded on freedoms and each of us is now more free to celebrate the things (and the way) we really feel are important.

Clean up from Hurricane Opal is moving forward. The scars will be around for years, but life is returning to normal. We watch with interest following one of these weather things which tear down a lot of trees. People will clean up the downed limbs and trees quickly. Then they will look at their yard and house and start cutting again. The realization that it could be a lot worse next time is apparently the motivation to get them away before that happens.

Many of the political experts are predicting death for the national Democrat Party. That is kinda funny... we read the same about the Republican Party some years ago. True, the Democrats are in trouble with the voters, but that can turn around on a dime. Right now the swing vote is a huge block of Independent voters, such as yours truly. While the majority of the Independents may have voted with the Republicans in the last elections, that can (and will) change when the Republican office holders start spending more time feathering their own nest, rather than working for what the voters want and expect. Don't write off the Democrat Party just yet.

Tell'em you read it in... THE ELBA CLIPPER



AIDE OF THE YEAR...Nadean White was named Coffee County Aide of the Year by her co-workers at the Coffee County Health Department. White was recognized for her outstanding services to citizens of the county. The Professional Advisory Council for Home Health Aides has also selected Nadean as the Area 10 Home Health Aide of the Year (Area 10 includes Coffee, Geneva, Houston, Dale, Barbour, Henry, Crenshaw and Pike counties). Pictured above (l-r) are: Cindy Lawford, RN; White (honoree); Director Kenneth Ball (making the presentation); and Jackie Lewis, RN.

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Work Release Center Leaving?

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

For purely personal reasons, we would like nothing better than telling a couple of employees at the Alabama Board of Corrections to... well whatever ugly thing crosses your mind and have considered doing just that. Sometimes after people get a big salary and a title, they sit around convincing themselves of their own importance. We detect this attitude. However, it is a personal gripe and we will not let our scorn for the actions of a few state employees in Montgomery muddy our better judgment.

The Elba Work Release Center has a good bunch of hard working employees and the center is an active and positive player in the local economy. A number of families depend on the center for all their daily bread. A number of local citizens have come to depend on the inmates for extra help on weekends or for "day work." They also do a lot of community service work free. Many retail businesses profit from selling to the center and to a lesser degree, the inmates. Family members visiting inmates spend money locally... everyone must eat. Many gallons of gasoline are purchased locally for the four vans which transport inmates to and from jobs in surrounding areas. The vans also receive necessary mechanical service from local mechanics. Thousands of dollars pour into the coffers of the Elba utility department from the center.

From the viewpoint of a taxpayer, a certain percentage of every dollar earned by inmates goes to pay the cost of housing them... and they are housed in work release cen-

ters for much less than a lock-down prison. All-in-all, almost a million dollars of state monies are spent right here in Elba.

A move to add inmates to the facility would increase this steady flow of recession proof money. But alas, we are told that the whole thing is on hold because of "local political considerations." That means Elba City Hall complained! We heard all that, but kept quiet hoping it would go away. It didn't. In fact the news got publicized to the world through other media sources.

The move to add inmates was because of overcrowding in the state prisons and a crying need for workers at several area industries. These inmates aren't to replace other workers, because ads in several area newspapers have been begging unsuccessfully for more employees for months and months. They are people to fill these jobs and hopefully keep the industries located in our area.

We were told weeks ago that if local political opposition was stopped, plans were to put 51 inmates in temporary housing until permanent building facilities could be prepared... more money to the local economy. Otherwise the whole thing might move.

Cosh, Elba sure can't afford to lose a single job. Already there is talk of us loosing the Army Reserve Center due to downsizing. Our efforts should be spent on trying to save these jobs, rather than thumping our chest because we ran off some others.

What is the justification for the opposition? "They gonna get us." "It strains the lo-

cal police." "It brings in undesirables, following the inmates." "You don't have room for them." The list goes on and on but has little foundation. Actually, we have a report of one of the followers of a work release inmate plunking down cash to buy property locally, because she wanted to be near her husband... that ain't undesirable low lifers, but American tradition and it's best.

Opportunity
Now that the news is out about the local opposition, other communities are already saying, "Hey, let's contact Montgomery and get those dollars in our town." This ain't speculation, it is fact!

We witnessed this first hand in Florida several years ago. A few people with tunnel vision stopped a federal prison because of the same things we are hearing in Elba. The facility is now in Marianna, Florida. The adverse reaction spilled over and cost the community the chance at a state prison. They now have approval for a state work release location and promises of a state prison... all on that very land selected for the first prison years ago.

The reason for the change of heart? They saw their friends in neighboring towns and their own children getting good jobs, but having to travel a long way to work, or move. It has taken some on-the-knees begging by area officials to overcome the previous actions, but they are winning. Why should Elba give up what we already have, just to learn an economic lesson or satisfy a personal conflict?

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MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

OCTOBER 24 THRU OCTOBER 30, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, October 24, 1995 investigated the following incidents: one indecent exposure, one reckless endangerment, two burglaries, one lost wallet, one criminal mischief, one missing person (runaway), and one harassing communication.

One arrest for menacing was made during the week. No traffic citations were issued. Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 - River stage - 4.21 feet (7:10 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Seminole Circle (1:14 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of Buford Street and Factory Avenue (3:34 p.m.); Fight reported on Jackson St. (7:37 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - River stage - 4.14 feet (6:38 a.m.); Wreck on Claxton Ave. (10:00 a.m.); Wreck on Taylor Mill Road (3:26 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 201 (4:13 p.m.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 - River stage - 4.14 feet (6:37 a.m.); Wreck on Davis St. (12:00 p.m.); Rescue run to the wreck on Davis St. (12:05 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 205 (12:52 p.m.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 - River stage - 4.10 feet (6:36 a.m.); Wreck on AL Hwy. 875 (11:16 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 - Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (12:27 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on N. Claxton Ave. (6:00 a.m.); River stage - 4.15 feet (6:43 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 427 (1:14 p.m.); Wreck at the intersection of Newton St. and Claxton Ave. (1:33 p.m.);

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 - River stage - 5.65 feet (6:55 a.m.); Breaking and entering reported at Abundant Life Church (8:30 a.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 - River stage - No reading; Alarm at the Army Reserve Center on Claxton (6:11 a.m.); Wreck at the Elba High School (6:53 a.m.); Wreck on Reese Ave. (3:50 p.m.); Disturbance at Kendrick Apts. (5:00 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 125N (6:30 p.m.); Prowler reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (7:53 p.m.)

Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of October 24, 1995 through October 30, 1995. They were: Mary Brooks, James Johnston, David Stinson, Aericia Barefoot, Obeta Bilotta, Yvonne Daniels, Harold Barker, Hazel Parker, Albert Wood, Eddie Robinson, Paul Smart, Jeremy Coon, Justin Johnson, Mary Sutley, Mary Jackson, Betty Mulkey, Clifford Roach, William Cawley, James Foster, Linda Jones, Velma Coleman, Jesse Smith, Branton Bowers, Vera Bryan, Ronald Stinson, Ora Kelley, Janie Fudge, Nathaniel Barnes, and Jabara Cole.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: William Cawley, Hazel Parker, Yvonne Daniels, Aericia Barefoot, David Stinson, Jeremy Coon, Bruce Munger, Linda Capps, Annise Griswold, Trudie Jackson, Janice Johnson, Albert Wood, Bonnie Morgan, Shaundra Yeomans, James Chandler, Ruby Gray, Harold Barker, Linda Brown, Doris Mallory, Mary Brooks, James Foster, Eddie Robinson, Obeta Bilotta, and Justin Johnson.

AREA DEATHS

A.L. ELLIS

A. L. Ellis of Tarpon Springs, Florida, a veteran banker of Alabama and Florida, died Sunday, October 29, 1995. He was 89 years old. Mr. Ellis was a native of Elba, Alabama going to Florida in 1923 at the age of 19. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Hayes Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m., Thursday (today), November 2, 1995, with visitation being from 9:00 a.m. until funeral time. Entombment will follow in the family mausoleum in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL.

Mr. Ellis, often referred to as "Dean of Florida Banking," has been in Florida banking for 70 years. He organized fifteen Florida banks and purchased eighteen banks in which he held controlling interest and was instrumental in the organization of two others. He was made Chief Executive Officer of a Florida bank at the age of 32 and continually served as such in a number of banks for over fifty years. He also held controlling stock in an Alabama bank for 21 years.

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CLARENCE FOSTER BOOTHE

Clarence Foster Boothe, age 79 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, October 31, 1995 in a Dothan, AL hospital. Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 1995 from the Rainer Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Peaceful Acres Cemetery of Opp, AL.

Survivors include his wife, Trudie Boothe of Opp, AL; five daughters, Jerroth Eam and Alinka Wallace, both of Houston, Texas, Dot Norris of Opp, AL, and Dianne Taylor of Elba, AL; one son, Michael Foster Boothe of Opp, AL; two brothers, T.J. Boothe and J.C. Boothe, both of Opp, AL; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

SYBLE LURLEN SMITH
Syble Lurleen Smith, age 72 of Troy, Alabama, died Thursday, October 26, 1995 at her home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 28, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Russell Smith of Troy, AL; three daughters, Nina Sawyer of Troy, AL, Dale Craft of Sheffield, AL, and Linda Phillips of Muscle Shoals, AL; three sisters, Grace Jeffcoat, Harsh Wilkerson, and Madge Jones, all of Elba, AL; one grandson, Larry Sawyer of Troy, AL; four grandchildren, Leslie Ford of Henderson, AL, Michele and Nicole Sawyer of Troy, AL, and Holly Craft of Sheffield, AL; two great grandsons, Zachary Ford and Dakota Leverett, both of Henderson, AL; one great granddaughter, Aroel Leverett of Henderson, AL.

Mr. Ellis attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the University of Alabama. He was married to Helen Lanndon of Cookeville, Tennessee, and has a daughter, Carol Martin, three granddaughters, and three great grandchildren who survive him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Helon Ellis Memorial Hospital, 1395 S. Pinellas Avenue, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689 or to The Children's Home Society of Florida, A.L. Ellis Center, P.O. Box 10097, Jacksonville, Florida 32247, or The Children's Home Inc., 10909 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Florida 33615.

Mr. Ellis was listed in *Forbes 400 Richest Americans*, in *Bankers Monthly America's Wealthiest Bankers*, and in *Institutional Investor The World's Richest Bankers*.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Tarpon Springs, a lifetime Golden Award member of the Masons, a Shrine, and member of the Royal Order of Jesters.

Among civic activities, he was named Outstanding Citizen by the

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FOYE FARRIS HUDSON

Foye Farris Hudson, age 71 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, October 30, 1995 in a Dothan, AL hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Garden, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Sylvia Hudson of Troy, AL and Gary and Donna Hudson of Enterprise, AL; four sisters, Lucille Bowden and Epesie Bradley, both of Elba, AL; Dixie Ballard of Crestview, Florida, and Marie McCarley of Pensacola, FL; five brothers, Const Farris of Highland Park, California, Dallas Farris, Wayne Farris, Charles Farris, and Bibb Farris, all of Elba, AL; three grandchildren.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

KYLE W. DUBOSE

Kyle W. DuBose received practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. The camp, attended by cadets normally between their third and fourth year of college, includes instruction in communications, management, and survival training.

Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Guard, or Reserve.

The cadet is a student at Auburn University, Auburn, AL. He is the son of Jim and Beth DuBose of Elba, AL. He is a 1991 graduate of Elba High School.

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Miss Stigers & Mr. Kidd

Stigers-Kidd wedding planned for November 11th

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell and Tammy Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Danny State University. She is currently attending Troy State University pursuing her masters degree.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Enterprise High School and Troy State University. She is currently attending Troy State University pursuing her masters degree.

The bride-elect is the grand-daughter of Sam Spurlin and the late Martha Spurlin of Elba and Kenneth and Ida Davis of Elba and Cloyd and Margaret Stigers of Winter Haven, Florida.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Waylon and the late Sara Dell Kidd and Brantley, and the late Cliff Canley of Opp.

The wedding will take place November 11, 1995 at Westside Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the church activity building.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the ceremony.

Pike Road & Crafts Fair planned for November 4th

The Pike Road Arts and Crafts Fair will be held November 4, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be 300 exhibitors, with food, fun, arts, crafts, antiques, junk, children's activities, door prizes, etc. Pike Road is located 12 miles South of Montgomery at historic Marks House.



Courtney Leigh Rugg

Courtney Rugg celebrates third birthday Sept. 17th

Courtney Leigh Rugg, daughter of Steve and Peggy Rugg of Wickburg, celebrated her 3rd birthday recently. The party was held at Chucky Cheese in Dothan. The highlight of the party for Courtney was receiving her first piece of cake from Chucky himself. Helping Courtney celebrate her party were Matthew Johnson, Shelby Green, both from Dothan, Elliot and Bradley Dean of Wickburg, Austin and Kona Ellison of Wickburg, Hannah Jordan of Dothan, Austin Smith of Florida, Lauren Thomas of Daleville, Jessie Hall of Elba, and her cousins Cory, Emily and Hannah Miller, Melanie and Melissa Mulazir, and Christy and Chad Smith, all of Elba, and her grandparents, Betty and Ted Rugg of Jacksonville, and the late Ann Lou Rugg of Elba.

Courtney's birthday was September 17.

Auburn Students receive Upchurch Scholarships

Several students enrolled in Auburn University's College of Agriculture were presented with Samuel Earl Upchurch Endowed Scholarships during a special ceremony held recently on the Auburn campus.

Among the honorees were Roberty Rhoades of Elba.

Miss Sanders honored with miscellaneous bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Van McCall

The beautiful home of Mrs. Van McCall was the setting for a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Miss Beth Ann Sanders, bride-elect of Matt Henderson, on Sunday, October 22, between the hours of two and half past three.

The front door of the McCall home held three white wicker wedding bells accented with gold and white ribbons. Mrs. McCall greeted the guests and directed them to the receiving line. Miss Sanders, the honoree, Mrs. David Sanders, mother of the bride, Mrs. Ann Askey, maternal grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. Neil Henderson, mother of the groom, received the guests.

Miss Sanders, sister of the groom, presided over the registry. The lovely registry table was uncovered and simply held a vase of fresh yellow tulips and spray trays added to the overall beauty. The focal point of the table was an arrangement of white carnations, Queen Anne's Lace, asters, and lilies, and snapdragons placed in a silver Revere bowl.

Arrangements of daisies were placed throughout the rooms where the numerous gifts were displayed. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Van McCall, Mrs. Lamar Wilson, Mrs. Harold Kelley, Mrs. Jeff Kowen, Mrs. Ric Holley, Mrs. Richard Addison, Mrs. Terry Calhoun, Mrs. Pearl Amison, Mrs. Jerome Bailey, Mrs. Mac Moore, Mrs. John Frank Davis, Mrs. Rachael Moore, Mrs. Zack Storey, Mrs. Wayne Maurer, Miss Amelia Bedsole, Mrs. Janie Waddall, Mrs. Ralph Bradley, Mrs. Jim Dubois, Mrs. Harold Johnson, and Mrs. Mabel Lee.

Guests were then directed to the dining room where Miss Brianny McCall, Miss Ashley Green, and Mrs. Van McCall served punch and party foods. The serving table was covered with a white Battenburg cloth. The silver punch bowl and serving trays added to the overall beauty. The focal point of the table was an arrangement of white carnations, Queen Anne's Lace, asters, and lilies, and snapdragons placed in a silver Revere bowl.

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Miss Beth Ann Sanders honored with bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Van McCall.

Coffee County Arts Alliance announces The Performance Series '95-'96

The Coffee County Arts Alliance is excited to announce The Performance Series '95-'96. The selections committee has done an outstanding job seeking and booking an excellent array of talent.

Opening our series on December 2 will be The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, directed by Jim Miller and featuring Nancy Knorr. The Orchestra will perform such great songs as "Green Eyes," "Amapola," "I Understand," "I'm Glad There Is You," and "Maria Elena," all "hits" of the fabulous Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. They will take you back to the Big Band Era.

In January, the Arts Alliance is proud to bring Chanticleer from San Francisco to the Wiregrass Area. Chanticleer, the only full-time classical vocal ensemble in the U.S., has developed a remarkable reputation for its interpretation of vocal literature, from Renaissance to vocal jazz, and from gospel to venture into the world of contemporary music. With its seamless blend of male voices ranging from countertenor to bass, Chanticleer has earned international renown as "an orchestra of voices".

Will Della host her grandson out of reform school? Can Connie Sue Day regain her crown as America's Number One Country Music Queen? Why is Ricky Jim Robinson digging bomb shelters? These and other mysteries will be revealed in "Blue Plate Special," a Southern musical comedy soap opera brought to the Elba High School Auditorium in March 1996.

This season is full of fun and entertainment programs with the 22nd Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival rounding out the season. The week of April 22-23, 1996. A survey was conducted this summer which indicated Arts Alliance audiences enjoy plays, classical and Big Band music the most. "Although our committee had already made their selection by the time we got this information, our programs this year certainly cover all those areas," explained Suzanne Sawyer, CCAA Publicity Chairperson. "We think this is one of our best performance series and look forward to sold-out audiences," predicts Mary Jon Sneckenberger, CCAA President.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance is a non-profit organization, striving to bring a variety of quality entertainment to the Wiregrass.

Wendy is employed by Shaw Industries, Inc. of Dalton, Georgia. She was recently promoted to a Corporate Quality Engineering Technician following her graduation.

Wendy is a 1989 graduate of Elba High School. She is the daughter of Patricia Moulton and Lamar Moulton, Wendy and her husband, Bill, reside in Dalton, Georgia.

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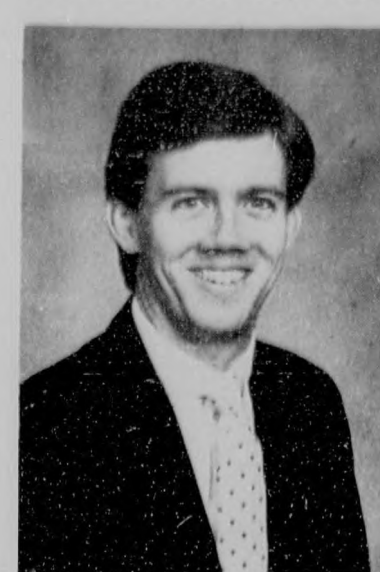
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Shiloh Baptist Church to sponsor Benefit Sing November 4th

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The November luncheon of the Wiregrass Christian Women's Club will be held Wednesday, November 8, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Lobby Restaurant in Enterprise. Reservations for this luncheon must be made by Monday, November 6, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. Call Vivian at 588-2533 or Vicki at 393-876 to make your reservations. A nursery will be provided for children under 11.

Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no night service.

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First Baptist Church

Steeple, Steeple, Steeple! There was a time when they marked the skyline of almost every city and community. The days of multi-story buildings and other large protrusions from the soil have just about taken over the time when the church spire marked the central location of our cities large and small.

It's rather ironic when you think about it, because in many ways modern society has obscured the world's view of the church. We don't honor Sundays like we once did. Organizations think nothing of planning special events on top of Wednesday evening church activities or even Sunday mornings. The modern church feels the choke of society as it crowds and challenges and even chastises the family of God. Steeple don't stand quite as tall as they once did.

So what if it...has the church become irrelevant in the almost - 21st century? Has "surfing the Net" taken the place of seeking the Lord? Are we taking our place with other well-served relics who have served their time and now adorn our shelves and attract our curiosity? Is there a place in the fast approaching millennium of the 2000's for the church of the living Lord?

The analogy is a disturbing one. And, if you are cynical enough to follow the previous line of questioning, the rational conclusion is not encouraging. Certainly there are many, many trends that support this bleak outlook on the future of the church as a major "player" in the society of the future. But let's take a look below the surface, down where the skyline meets terra firma, down where God's creatures live. What is going on at ground zero?

People are hungry. Some hunger for physical sustenance, yes. But even more, people are hungry for quietness, hungry for solace and consolation, hungry for reasons to go on with life beyond meeting deadlines and the daily grind. Some try to find it in more recreation. Others are seeking career changes or volunteer activities in which to find fulfillment. Yet others are seeking their peace in more destructive ways through drug and alcohol abuse. People are seeking...and we, the church, may not be as obvious as we once were, but we are all the more relevant. We are all the more vital. And, if we are true to our commission, we can be all the more an important influence in the society of tomorrow...not by throwing our weight, but gently offering a hand of love to a people in desperate need of a steady guide.

No, our steeples may never again rise to the peak of the skyline, but the open doors of mission and ministry can draw people to our haven of rest like never before if we recommit ourselves to the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who won them one by one by one!

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Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. John W. McCrummen
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. - 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Johnny Padellaro
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. - 7:00 p.m.

BUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - E. L. Hill
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. - 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
A.O. Martz
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. - 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. L. Hill
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Faron Golden
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. - 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH - Donald Martin
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. - 7:00 p.m.

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Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
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???Question??? Corner

by Wyndi Baker

This week I asked a question pertaining to the World Series. Who do you think will win the World Series - Indians or Braves? The following are some of the responses:

Mark Wicker - Braves
James Siler - Braves
Melissa Mulaz - Braves
Sankara Rodgers - Braves
Kevin Burks - Braves
Lindsey Jared - Braves
Racani McCollough - Braves
Josh Lawford - Braves
Jill Martin - Braves
Troy Bryan - Braves

Whatever... by Whomever

*The EHS Homecoming game will be held on November 3. The Tigers will host Hixson.

*The Homecoming Parade will be at 4:00 p.m. November 3.

*The Auburn Tigers will play their homecoming game against NE Louisiana on November 4.

*Alabama will be playing LSU at Tuscaloosa on November 4.

Bringing Back Tradition

by Destiny Brown

Our town is one that thrives on traditions. Unfortunately, there is one tradition that most Elba natives probably remember that in recent years has not been carried out. Do you recall riding around the courthouse on Homecoming week admiring the shop windows? Merchants around town used to paint their windows, adding a personal touch to their spirited festivities. Some would be about our Elba Tigers while others would be about Homecoming in general, but they were all attractive and energetic. No one really knows why this part of our Homecoming ritual faded away. However, there are many people who think this is the year to bring back this tradition. The students of Elba High School work hard to make Homecoming a success. Now they are asking that business owners help share this success with everyone who passes through our spirit-filled town. If our community leaders would strive to achieve this homecoming goal, it would be greatly appreciated by the citizens of Elba, and especially by the students of Elba High School.

Top 10 Things To Do During A Hurricane

- Go Hunt for ice
- Try to video tape it by yourself
- Go to a wooded area and dodge falling trees
- Spend the weekend in a beautiful beach house

by Leroy Smedley

- Eat all the food out of the freezer before it thaws out
- SLEEP
- Get with your friends and camp out
- Try to convince yourself that

- whistling sound isn't the wind
- See how fast you can take a cold shower
- Evacuate your home and move in your neighbor's unsuitable trailer

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Pictured above are (l-r): seated - Daniel Stephens and Charles Pearce; standing - DARE Officer Chris West and Guidance Counselor Marsha Oggs.

RED RIBBON PROCLAMATION SIGNED...Mr. Charles Pearce, Superintendent of the Elba City School System, and Mr. Daniel Stephens, Chairman of the Elba City School Board, are shown signing a proclamation pertaining to the National Red Ribbon Campaign. A red ribbon symbolizes the pledge to be drug free. Each year Elba Elementary students, faculty, and the DARE officer participate in activities designed to help people learn to say no to harmful substances. The faculty, teachers, administrators, and students of Elba Elementary School request that you, the citizens of Elba, join them in working for a drug free town, a drug free state, and a drug free nation.

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Elba FHA Members attend Conference

Kim Sorrells and Angie Crocker, members of the Elba High School chapter of the Future Homemakers of America recently participated in a weekend leadership training conference held at the Birmingham Civic Center on October 20-21.

The Birmingham meeting was the first in a series of five nationally sponsored training conferences, called Cluster meetings, held this fall. Chapter adviser Donna Clark accompanied the members to the Birmingham meeting.

"New Directions" was the theme chosen to highlight the activities and programs of this year's Cluster meetings. The 2200 young men and women and their advisers dealt with an array of issues including family, self image, and financial management.

This past summer, Future Homemakers of America ended its year long gold-on anniversary celebration. The cluster meetings' program emphasis was to provide ways for advisers and teens to explore new directions of involvement as FHA heads into its fifty-first year. The "New Directions" theme was reinforced by Friday's powerful general session, where meeting attendees experienced training opportunities offered through the weekend. A banner march consisting of students and banners from the various schools attending the meeting gave the students a chance to show their FHA and school spirit. With energy, humor, and enthusiasm, keynote speaker Bob Wells challenged and motivated students and adults to take charge and discover their potential within.

Saturday's morning workshops included teen issues in the areas dealing with families, careers and communication, and leadership workshops covering such areas as community service, peer education and the environment. In the afternoon, attendees chose from action workshops that focused on individual and chapter programs, leadership skills and recognition. Advisers also attended workshops designed to inform them about national FHA projects and the new directions for the new projects to be introduced this summer at the National Leadership Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

Saturday evening the students and adults had the opportunity to attend an outstanding concert presented by the Jacksonville State University Show Choir.

In addition to motivational speaker Deb Erickson's keynote address, Sunday's activities concentrated on leadership skills and preparing for the organization's highly successful STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition).

This was an educational and fun time spent for the students attending because they will be using much of the information gained to plan and carry out local FHA projects and activities for the year. The FHA, FLA, and Student Council joined to help beautify the Elba High School campus in preparation for Homecoming '95. These clubs chose to plant pansies in front of the school as one of their service projects for the year.

FHA Attends State Fair

by Meghan Lee

On Tuesday, October 10, students traveled to Montgomery to attend the state fair. When they arrived in Montgomery at 10:00 their fun day began with rides and many games. At 12:30 it all became a memory, and they were all on their way home. After arriving back at school at 2:30 the students went into the auditorium and shared their prizes with everyone.

Band Competes In Little Big Horn

by Mary Margaret Jacobs

On Saturday, October 21, the Elba Marching Tiger Band traveled to Opp to compete in the "Little Big Horn" marching band contest. The Elba band performed their half-time show and returned home with several awards. The drum major, percussion, and danceline all received superior ratings, while the colorguard and overall band was awarded excellent ratings. In addition, the danceline took home a "Best in Class" plaque. The Marching Tigers displayed a wonderful performance and returned home not only with trophies, but also a renewed sense of camaraderie and devotion to their school.

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Pictured above are Kim Sorrells and Angie Crocker displaying the banner at the FHA Cluster Meeting in Birmingham.

Elba City Schools Menu November 6 - 10, 1995

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Lasagna, Green Salad, Bread, Peach & Half Milk.
Tuesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Pear & Half Milk.
Wednesday - Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips w/Pork, Apple, Milk.
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Spaghetti, Broccoli, Field Peas, Fruit, Milk.
Friday - Holiday.	Friday - Holiday.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are Melissa Mulaz, Emilee Benbow, Katie Holloway, Leslie Stinson, and Monica Henderson.

by Regina Austin & Kayla Phillips

Emilee Benbow is the daughter of Jeff and Gena Benbow. Her hobbies include cheering, reading, talking on the phone, and having fun. She is a member of J. Beta, FFA, FHA, SADD, and SGA. She attends First Baptist Church of Elba. Her most embarrassing moment was jumping into garbage cans at Youth Camp while doing backhand springs.

Princess Fleming is the daughter of Dolay Fleming. She is a member of Student Council, FFA, SADD, Mu Alpha Theta, VICA, and FLA where she is president. She attends Harris Temple COGIC. Her hobbies include talking on the telephone and meeting new people.

Monica Henderson is the daughter of James and Barbara Henderson. Her hobbies are talking on the telephone and singing. Her greatest accomplishment was graduating from the sixth grade and finishing a research paper. She is a member of FHA and FLA. She attends Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church.

Katie Holloway is the daughter of Judy and Matt Holloway. She attends New Ebenezer, and she is a member of J. Beta and Student Council. Her hobbies include volleyball, softball, and band. The thing she likes most about EHS is being able to get drinks and lockers.

Leslie Stinson is the daughter of Dudley and Lisa Stinson. She attends Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and she is a member of SGA, FFA, Jr. Beta, and SADD. Her hobbies include cheerleading and volleyball. Her greatest accomplishment was winning Jr. Miss Elba.



The FFA, FLA, and Student Council joined to help beautify the Elba High School campus in preparation for Homecoming '95. These clubs chose to plant pansies in front of the school as one of their service projects for the year. Pictured above (l to r) are Timothy Crawford, Leigh Kelley, Mr. Davis, Dale Dean, and Vincent Anderson.

HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE November 3, 1995 @ 4:00 p.m.

The floats and marching units of the parade will line up at the old football stadium and high school parking lot. They will then proceed along the following route: Dixon Street to the Troy Highway; then south on the Troy Highway by Harder's and The Peoples Bank; left on Buford to Court Street by Martin's to Davis Street; left on Davis Street by Ace Hardware to Factory Avenue; left on Factory Avenue by Skinner's and City Hall to Collier Street; left on Collier Street by SouthTrust bank to Carney Street; right on Carney Street to Newton Street; right on Newton Street and back to the staging area.

Kendra Ward Football Sweetheart



Kendra Ward, freshman, was chosen by the members of the varsity football team as their sweetheart. Each member of the squad was allowed one vote. Kendra was presented a plaque at the Homecoming Pop Rally. She is a varsity cheerleader and the freshman attendant in the 1995-96 Homecoming Court.

Homecoming Dance

by Susan Bryan

The senior class of 1996 hosted a Homecoming Dance after the Homecoming game. Mr. Jeff Baxter from DJ Services provided the music. The cost to enter the dance was four dollars, and drinks and chips were for sale. A photographer was provided for anyone who wanted a picture made.

The dance was a fundraiser for the senior class. The money will be used to pay expenses for the baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies in the spring.

Elba Florist Donates Queen's Bouquet

by Emily Hughes

The queen's bouquet was furnished by Elba Florist-Gift and Interiors. It was made with red carnations, caspia, and leather leaf fern. The caspia made an interesting contrast with its purple color. The queen's bouquet contained twelve red carnations, and the attendants' contained two red carnations.

Homecoming **Winners**

by Heather Davis & Shane Parish

Last week was Homecoming at Zion Chapel. There were several different events and contests. One of the contests was the door contest. Students decorated doors for their favorite club or the class they were in. Winners included first place, Spanish Club; second place, junior class; and a tie for third, Beta Club and second grade resource class. For the honorable mentions included: Mrs. Gail Jackson's resource class, Ms. Spear's Co-Op class, Mrs. Sem's seventh grade class.

Students made banners in place of floats because the parade is so small. A banner contest was held for all classes in high school. Juniors took first place with their banner titled "Rebels Tame the Cats". The eighth grade took second with "Them Pasty Cats Never Learn". Seniors took third with "The Color Purple". Honorable mention was Mrs. Moody's sixth grade class with "Take the Cats by Storm".

Red Ribbon Campaign

by Adrienne Cotton

To teach children about the State of Alabama about drug awareness is the purpose of Alabama's Red Ribbon Campaign.

The week of October 23-29, 1995 was the week of the campaign. The campaign began at the Zion Chapel Elementary with an assembly.

Donnie Farris, the DARE officer who works with the Coffee County Schools, talked to every class in the elementary school about drug awareness.

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Rebel Band In Competition



Pictured above with the band's trophies are (l-r): front row - Tasha Cooper and Shey Nelson; back row - Mandi Ellis, Amanda Ellis, and Brensha Bradshaw.

by Tasha Cooper

The Fifteenth Annual Little Bighorn Marching Band Festival was held October 21, 1995 at the Churnell-Lee Stadium in Opp, Alabama. Thirty bands from three states competed.

Zion Chapel was in Class AA, Highland Home, Redtown High, Samson High, Grand Bay High, Early County High, Bearcreek High, Mary Montgom High, and Slocumb High all competed with Zion Chapel in this class. A Class AA is made up of 30 to 45 playing members. This does not include the percussion or the colorguard.

Deborah Bradley, David Seaton, and Ronnie Mallory were the band judges. David Enette judged the percussion, Jane Seaton judged the drum major, and Pam Williams judged the colorguard.

The drum major earned superior rating. The colorguard earned a superior rating. The percussion earned an excellent rating. The band earned two superior ratings and an excellent rating. The band earned an overall superior.

The senior class and junior class students who are members of the FFA and FHA and officers of the clubs were able to attend the annual Ag-Expo held in Moultrie, Georgia. Approximately 48 students chaperoned by Ms. Joan Hobbs, Home Economics instructor, and Mr. John McCrory, Agribusiness instructor, departed from Zion Chapel High School at approximately 5:30 a.m. and arrived in Moultrie at 9:30.

The Expo gave the students the chance to see the latest farm machinery. This is what sets the Expo apart from other ag-trade shows. Each year equipment manufacturers use the Expo as the

ideal occasion to introduce new tractors and farm implements to Southeast's farm marketplace. The Turnersville Goosecreek Hatch, the Folk Water Powered Ram Pump, the Shredders, and the Peanut Top Dryer are examples of new equipment this year. This year the Expo had a new 4-H demonstration, more information centers on new equipment provided for farmers, and the most up-dated reports on hunting equipment. Electrical demonstration booths were set up by several different electrical companies and co-ops. Car dealers from all around the Southeast brought their latest cars and trucks to be seen by everyone.

by Tasha Cooper

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Some of the other doors were: Mrs. Brooks' kindergarten-"Village Traffic Safety"; second place, Mrs. McIntosh-Don't Get Caught in the Web, Just Say No To Drugs; Abuse, Bad Touches, Strangers, Alcohol, and Disrespect for Authority!; third place, Mrs. Liprott-"Don't Be Scared, Just Say No"; and Mrs. Sasser-"Be Smart, Don't Start, Drugs Can Tear You Apart, Just Say No!".

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Views from THE PRESSBOX By Ricky Mularz Sports Editor

Whether you call it a remote control, a channel changer, or simply a clicker, it made no difference Saturday night as thousands of fingers all across South Alabama pushed the buttons on the little gadget time after time as sports fans tried to watch the World Series, the Auburn-Arkansas game and the Troy State-UAB game, all at the same time. The slight delay in starting times made it easy for a little while; however, once all three games got started the result was almost non-stop channel surfing between the three channels showing the games. The little clicker is hard to find sometimes, but Saturday night it was the most important gadget in the house!

ELBA MAKES IT LOOK EASY WITH WIN OVER ANDALUSIA

The Elba Tigers were expecting a tough game Friday night against the 5A Andalusia Bulldogs, especially since the Bulldogs had won three games this season and would be fired up about hosting the Tigers for homecoming. Those expectations proved to be unfounded, however, as Elba jumped out to a big 32-0 halftime lead and then turned things over to the reserves as the Tigers claimed their sixth straight win and improved their record to 7-2.

Elba jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead as the Tigers turned two early turnovers into touchdowns, and in the second quarter the Tigers rolled up 142 yards in total offense and added 18 points to put the game out of reach at the half. The running of Troy Bryan gave the Andalusia defense an extra headache to worry about, while Chris Tyson again put on a show with his uncanny moves and D'Undray Peterson plowed through and over anyone that got in his path. The Tigers' starting trio of Bryan, Tyson and Peterson combined to gain 176 yards on only 23 carries, and literally moved the ball up and down the field at will whenever they wanted to. The passing game was non-existent as Elba failed to complete a pass in seven attempts; however, Elba passed only to show it could, and put little effort into its aerial attack. The blocking of the Elba front wall dominated Andalusia, and the once-inexperienced Tiger linemen have definitely grown up into winning players.

The Elba defense gave up some yardage up the middle, but was never really challenged and recorded its second shut-out of the season against the 5A Bulldogs. Andalusia scored 22 points a week earlier against Greenville and had the Tiger coaches worried about its running attack. Those fears also proved unfounded, as the Tiger defense limited the Andalusia runners to only 14 yards on 41 attempts, an average of less than three yards per carry. Todd McKee and Earl Perkins had big games up front, while Todd Hooks and Rudy Free were solid, as always, at line-

backer, and in the secondary Carl Alexander intercepted two passes and Griffin Shirley got one pick-off. All five turnovers were forced by the Elba defense, and the Tigers once again put their hats on their opponents. The ease with which the Tigers posted the big 32-0 win was a surprise to everyone in attendance. Elba had won five straight games, but really wasn't sure how it would fare against the much-improved Bulldogs. I guess everyone that sat in the rain and watched the big win left convinced that this bunch of Tigers could indeed be one of the best in the state in the 3A ranks. Only time, and the desire of the Tigers, will tell!

NOT THE BEST OF WEEKS FOR AREA FOOTBALL TEAMS

The ninth week of the high school football season wasn't anything to write home about for the teams in the area, as three of the four teams were defeated, and the team that won needed two overtimes to escape with a win over a team that was winless on the season. Oh well, here's what happened...

***NEW BROCKTON (4-5)** scored on the final play of the game to send the game into overtime, and then scored in the second overtime, to slip past winless Red Level 18-12. The Gamecocks were expected to have an easy time against the lowly Tigers, but ran head on into a rainstorm and a fired up Red Level team, and were lucky to escape with the win. When a team is as young and inexperienced as New Brockton, sometimes lessons have to be learned on the field.

***KINSTON (1-4)** almost pulled off the upset of the season Friday night before falling to McKenzie 28-26. The Bulldogs used every trick in their bag during the game and for the first time in weeks looked like a team that believed it could win. It is a shame that it took the Bulldogs nine weeks to grow teeth, because now that they have, they appear ready to attack an opponent and fight until the end.

***ZION CHAPEL (3-5)** decided to rest many of its wounded players last week against lowly G.W. Long and lost the gamble as the Rebels were shocked 9-7. Zion Chapel had plenty of chances to win the game, in spite of the missing players, but lost key fumbles that kept the Rebels out of the endzone, and the result was an embarrassing loss. The only thing one can count on when the Rebels play is that you can't count on anyone.

***BRANTLEY (6-3)** made the long trip to A.L. Johnson and found the trip home to be even longer as the Bulldogs were stunned by the Eagles 6-3, in a game played in a rainstorm. The Bulldogs moved the ball up and down the field and could have easily posted a big win, but failed to convert after getting close, and put only three points on the scoreboard in the loss. It will be interesting to see how the Bulldogs react to the loss, with the biggest games of the season yet to come.

AN INTERESTING WEEK FOR STATE FOOTBALL TEAMS

The ninth week of the high school football season was one to remember for state fans, as the action was wet, but wild in all classes. Here's a quick look back at the week that was...

***CLASS 6A -** Top-ranked Central, of Phenix City, posted an im-

pressive 20-7 win over 9th ranked Auburn, and made the Red Devils a true contender for the big school crown, while #2 Mixer got whipped by #7 Hoover 28-14, and #3 Theodore was upset by #4 Foley 7-6. Robert L. Lee showed that it wasn't dead, yet, with a big 31-21 win over #5 Prattville, but Northview may have one foot in the grave after being upset by Dothan 20-10.

***CLASS 5A -** Top-ranked Blount showed that it was ready for a run at the 5A title by posting a solid 18-7 win over 6A Vigor, while #2 Wenonah kept pace with a 19-8 win over highly-rated Jackson-Orlin, and #3 Russellville kept looking better with a 27-8 win over Coffee. Closer to home, Hillcrest of Evergreen closed out a 4-0 Area record with a 20-0 win over Charles Henderson, and Greenville continued to struggle as the Tigers were pounded by Escambia County 27-14.

***CLASS 4A -** The big match-up between #1 T.R. Miller and #3 Clarke County proved to be no contest as T.R. Miller remained undefeated with a 27-13 win. #4 W.S. Neal made it look easy with a 40-12 romp past previously unbeaten St. Paul's, and #5 Mortimer-Jordan kept rolling along with a 49-0 win over Hayden. Closer to home, Dale County improved to 8-1 with a 28-13 win over Headland, and Pike County set up next week's clash with Daleville for the Area crown with a 14-0 win over Geneva.

***CLASS 3A -** Top-ranked Sylva blanked Ider 21-0 to improve to 9-0 on the season, while #2 B.B. Comer blasted Holtville 42-0, and #10 Colbert County ripped Lamar County 21-7. Closer to home, #9 Luverne lost its third game as the Opp Bobcats whipped the Tigers 14-7, and #7 Elba claimed its third win over a 5A, Area 4 opponent with a 32-0 win over Andalusia.

***CLASS 2A -** Top-ranked Clay County just kept rolling along with a 41-0 win over Horseshoe Bend, while #2 Hazlewood kept pace by spanking Cherokee 47-0, and #4 Georgiana improved to 8-1 with an easy 30-15 win over Flomaton. Closer to home, Goshen got a rare win by pounding lowly Clayton 52-8, Straughn slipped past Highland Home 17-13 and Flomaton posted an important 16-14 win over J.F. Shields.

***CLASS 1A -** All ten ranked teams in the 1A ranks posted wins, led by top-ranked Billingsley's rain-delayed win over Marbury. #3 Courtland dumped Speake and improved to 7-2 on the year, while #5 Autaugaaville tripped Washington County 16-14 and #6 Maplesville clobbered Verbena 35-6. Closer to home, Houston Academy kept on winning with an 18-6 win over Frisco City and Arton continued to struggle as the Purple Cats were dumped by Loachapoka 26-6.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS TAKING SHAPE FOR PREP TEAMS

The high school football season still has one week left, and there are many important games all across the state that will determine just who makes the post-season party. However, many opening round match-ups have already been decided, and here's a quick look ahead at some opening round battles...

***CLASS 6A -** It has already been decided that Montgomery Carver will travel to Benjamin Russell and Jeff Davis will host the Anniston-Talladega winner, but other match-ups will have to wait until action this week. Possible match-ups include Prattville at Vigor; Auburn or Opelika at Foley; Shaw at Robert E. Lee; Enterprise at Theodore; and Murphy at Northview.

***CLASS 5A -** One of the few sure things in 5A will find Sylacauga traveling to Valley, while other possible match-ups will find Greenville at Blount; either Eufaula or Smiths Station at McAdory; and B.C. Rain at Evergreen-Hillcrest.

***CLASS 4A -** About the only thing that is certain in the 4A ranks is that the loser of the Daleville-Pike County clash will hit the road for a battle against Lanett. Possible first round contests will include the Daleville-Pike County winner hosting Beau regard, the winner of the Ashford-Dale County game hosting the loser of the T.R. Miller-W.S. Neal game; and the loser of the Ashford-Dale County game traveling to face the winner of the T.R. Miller-W.S. Neal battle.

***CLASS 3A -** Things are a little more settled in the 3A ranks, as Elba will host UMS-Wright and Luverne will travel to St. Paul's in opening round action. Other possible opening round match-ups include either Lamar County or Sulligent at Keith; either Houston County, Rehoboth or Slocomb at Briarwood Christian; Fultondale at either Fruitaide, Verbena or Slocomb; St. James at South Lamar; and either Paramount or Eutaw at B.B. Comer.

***CLASS 2A -** A peak at the 2A ranks gives fans a pretty good idea of what will happen. Certain opening round match-ups will have Horseshoe Bend at Brantley, Highland Home at Clay County, Trinity at Excel or Flomaton, Randolph County or Ranburne at Georgiana, Cottonwood or Samson at Leroy, Excel or Flomaton at Reeltown, Straughn at Linville, and Linden at Geneva County.

***CLASS 1A -** The 1A ranks are also pretty well set, with certain match-ups including Akron at Autaugaaville, Natusuiga at Coffeewille, Maplesville at McKenzie or Zion Chapel, Arton or Leasburg at Fruitaide, Verbena at Carrollton, Marengo at Beulah, New Brockton or McKenzie at Billingsley, and Frisco City at Houston Academy.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PREP PLAYOFFS

Ye Olde Polish Prognosticator was feeling pretty good when he dropped by the office over the weekend, and bragged that he hit on 45 of 54 picks last week, despite suffering through such upsets as Long over Zion Chapel and Dothan over Northview. The local guesstest declared himself ready for the playoffs, and then left this week's final regular season picks.

ELBA VS. HILLCREST

The Elba Tigers claimed their sixth straight win last week with a big win over Andalusia, while the surprising Hillcrest Jaguars closed out their Area 4 action with a 4-0 slate with an easy win over Charles Henderson. The Jaguars have never beaten the Tigers and will be looking forward to the match-up, but something tells me the Tigers will be ready!

ELBA 17 HILLCREST 15

ZION CHAPEL VS. MCKENZIE

The Zion Chapel Rebels can clinch a spot in the playoffs with a win this week over the McKenzie Tigers, and should be well rested for the crucial battle after giving a number of players last week off. The Rebels have a real shot at pulling out the win; however, last week's close call against Kinston will have the Tigers wide awake!

MCKENZIE 22 ZION CHAPEL 12

NEW BROCKTON VS. T.W. MARTIN

The New Brockton Gamecocks escaped an ambush last week in Red Level and need a win this week to try and keep momentum going into a possible playoff showdown with top-ranked Billingsley. The T.W. Martin Warriors have enjoyed one of their best years ever and have already claimed their Area title. This one will go to the team that wants it the worst!

T.W. MARTIN 21 NEW BROCKTON 7

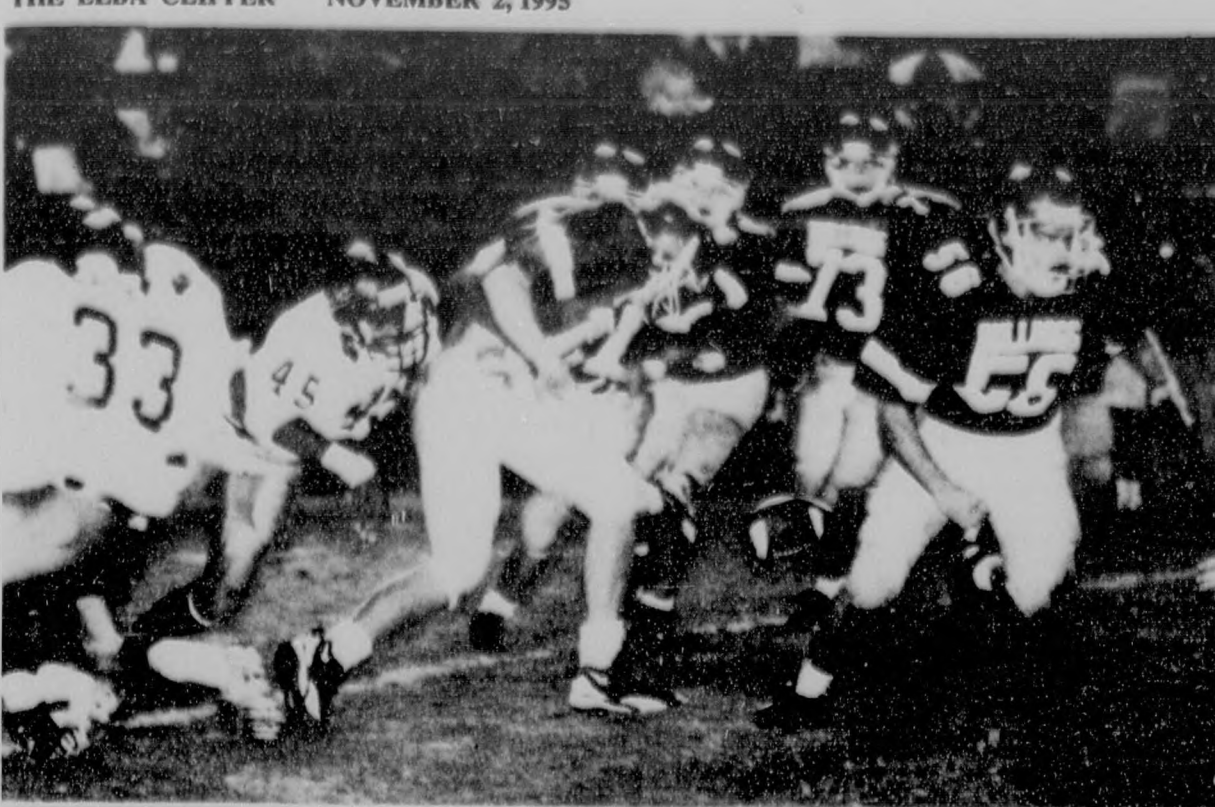
BRANTLEY VS. GEORGIANA

The Brantley Bulldogs saw what had been a solid season turned upside down last week with a loss to A.L. Johnson, and this week will try to celebrate homecoming against the powerful Georgiana Panthers. The Bulldogs will keep it closer than many think, but the Panthers are just too strong!

GEORGIANA 24 BRANTLEY 14

OTHER PICKS:

Appalachian 34 Mt. Hope 13
Gordo 27 Aliceville 14
B.B. Comer 17 Sylacauga 14
Dadeville 22 Holtville 0
Francis Marion 22 R.C. Hatch 0
Autaugaville 30 Marbury 6
Billingsley 41 Sweet Water 8
J.U. Blackshear 20 Sou. Normal 0
Lanett 50 Louisville 0
Demopolis 34 Sou. Choctaw 6
Abbeville 20 Headland 18
Cottonwood 20 Frisco City 6
Courtland 35 Madison Ac. 7
Donoho 32 Spring Garden 12
Coffeewille 20 Frisco City 6
Beau regard 14 Tallapoosa 13
Geneva 21 Bullock County 13
Clarke County 21 Thomasville 7
Daleville 14 Pike County 6
Deatler 27 Litchfield 8
Lanett 21 Valley 0
Hillcrest 31 Livingston 7
T.R. Miller 21 W.S. Neal 15
Opp 21 Andalusia 7
Blount 17 B.C. Rain 14
Jackson 21 Choctaw County 7
Balfaula 27 Smith Station 14
Greenville 20 Ch. Henderson 12
Wetumpka 34 Bibb County 6
Anniston 10 Talladega 7
Theodore 21 Baker 0
Enterprise 21 Carroll 0
Baldwin County 28 Daphne 7
Foley 41 Fairhope 10
Straughn 20 Red Level 7
Reeltown 21 Natusuiga 7
Vigor 20 Mary Montgomery 7
Prattville 31 B.T. Washington 8



Elba's Brian Rowe (45) lunges for the football after knocking the ball from an Andalusia runner. The Tiger defense recorded its second shut-out of the season Friday night by blanking the 5A Bulldogs 32-0, at Andalusia's homecoming.

Elba scores early & often to breeze past Bulldogs 32-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers proved to be rude guests for the Andalusia homecoming party Friday night as they pounded the Bulldogs 32-0, on a rainy and windy night in Andalusia.

The win was the sixth straight for Elba and improved the Tigers' record to 7-2, while Andalusia slipped to 3-6 with the loss.

Elba failed to move the chains on its initial possession of the night, but got the ball right back at the Bulldog 2-yardline following a 45-yard interception return by Carl Alexander.

Troy Bryan scored on a two-yard sneak to put the Tigers on the scoreboard, and Todd McKee added the extra-point to give Elba a 7-0 lead with 10:24 left in the game.



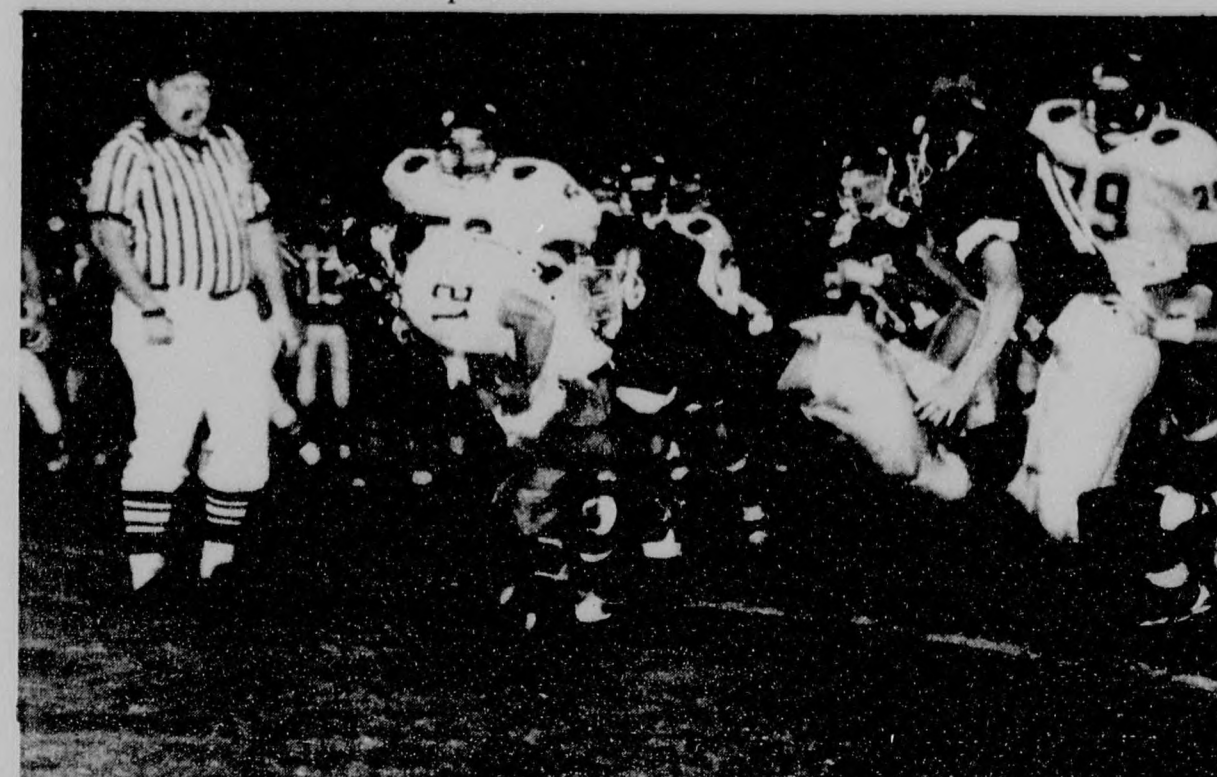
Elba's Carl Alexander (10) follows teammate Chris Tyson (20) upfield after making a first quarter interception that set up the Tigers' first score of the night.



Elba's Todd McKee (54) had a busy night as he booted three extra-points, one field-goal, caught a pass for a two-point conversion, made six tackles and recovered a fumble in the Tigers' 32-0 win over Andalusia. Holding is Julian Mitchell (38).



Elba's Leray Smedley (25) reads the block of teammate Shandez Daniels (23) before heading downfield on a 63 yard punt return for a Tiger touchdown. The punt return for a score was the fourth of the season for the Elba speedster.



Elba's Troy Bryan (12) loses the handle on the football after being tackled by an Andalusia defender. Bryan guided the Tigers to their sixth straight win Friday night as Elba improved its record to 7-2 with a big 32-0 win.



OFF AND RUNNING...is Elba's Chris Tyson (20) during the Tigers big 32-0 win over Andalusia. Tyson gained 91 yards on 11 carries and scored one touchdown to spark the Elba offense. Making a key block on the run was Eddie Cowen (65).

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Kinston's Chancy Lashley (32) tries to get outside the McKenzie defense during action Friday night at the Bulldog's homecoming. Kinston gave the heavily favored Tigers all they could handle Friday night before falling 28-26.



The Kinston High School Bulldog Pride Marching Band performed during pre-game ceremonies Friday night at Kinston's homecoming. The Bulldogs also made the homecoming one to remember, but fell to McKenzie 28-26 in a key Area 3 contest.



Austin Cauley (9) scored all the Brantley points Friday night in the Bulldogs' 9-6 loss with a 40-yard field goal. The Bulldogs will be looking for win #7 this week when they host Georgiana. Holding for Cauley is Josh Rayborn (15).



Brantley fans were true until the end, despite the constant rain and fact the Bulldogs lost to A.L. Johnson 6-3, Friday night in the homecoming. The Bulldogs host Georgiana Friday night in a big homecoming battle against the 8-1 Panthers.

Brantley bogs down in 6-3 upset loss

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Thomson Friday night to battle the A.L. Johnson Eagles, and both teams battled through four quarters

of action on a muddy field in a rainstorm, before the homecoming Eagles scored late to claim a 6-3 win. Brantley was first to threaten in the game, as late in the first quarter the Bulldogs drove 74 yards in 12

plays to come within inches of the Johnson goal line. A key play in the drive was a 21-yard pass from Austin Cauley to Josh Rayborn; however, on fourth down and goal from the two, Cauley was stopped inches short of the goal line.

Brantley got on the scoreboard on its next possession as Austin Cauley booted a 40-yard field goal. The field-goal capped a seven play drive, and gave the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead with 4:31 left in the first half.

Both teams suffered turnovers early in the second half, but neither offense could put any points on the scoreboard, as the Bulldogs' held on to their 3-0 lead.

Brantley got a break late in the third quarter when the Bulldogs broke through to sack the Johnson punter, giving the ball to the Bulldogs at the Eagle 12-yard line.

Brantley was unable to take advantage of the break; however, and turned the ball over on downs.

Cedric Wages broke through to block a Johnson punt to set the Bulldogs up again deep in Johnson territory, but once again the Bulldog offense failed to take advantage of the turnover, and the Brantley lead remained at 3-0.

A.L. Johnson began a drive at the Brantley 47-yard line with 5:00 remaining in the game, and the Eagles marched 47 yards in seven

plays to grab the lead. Eric Hudson got into the endzone on a one-yard sneak, and although the extra-point try failed, Johnson was ahead 6-3 with 1:06 left in the game.

Brantley drove down to the Eagle 21-yard line late in the game, but three straight incomplete passes sealed the fate for the Bulldogs, which sustained the 6-3 loss.

Fred Ushaw was the game's leading rusher with 76 yards on 14 carries.

Brantley will celebrate homecoming this week when the Bulldogs host Georgiana.

STATISTICS		
B	ALJ	
34-120	Rushes-Yds.	30-39
70	Passing Yds.	67
190	Total Offense	106
3-12-0	Passes	4-12-0
3	Fumbles Lost	1
30	Penalty Yds.	68
2-26	Punts-Ave.	6-23

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Bulldogs fall to McKenzie 28-26

Kinston upset bid falls short

By Phillip Miles, Sports Writer

Kinston High School celebrated "Homecoming" Friday night, but the McKenzie Tigers and the rain combined to dampen the spirit of the occasion, as the Bulldogs handed the Kinston Bulldogs a 28-26 defeat.

The Kinston defense had been run over all season long with little fight; however, Friday night a bench-clearing brawl in the second quarter woke up the Bulldog defense, as the Bulldogs allowed only one touchdown in the second half, and almost pulled off the shocking upset.

McKenzie won the coin toss and elected to receive, but it was Kinston that would have its offense on the field first, as the Bulldogs' Alan Bowdoin booted an on-side kick that was recovered by Kinston's Jason Wambles at the McKenzie 45-yard line.

On Kinston's third play Adam Osborn gained 33 yards on an option and sped his way down the left sidelines for a crowd pleasing touchdown. The extra-point try was wide, but with 11:04 still left in the opening stanza Kinston was on top 6-0.

Bowdoin attempted another on-side kick on the ensuing kickoff, only to see the Tigers recover at their own 45-yard line, and promptly march downfield to grab an early lead.

The Tiger touchdown came on the third play from scrimmage when Derrell McClain bolted up the middle, then cut to the left sidelines and raced 24 yards for the score. Justin Bennett added the extra-point, giving McKenzie a 7-6 lead with 9:16 left in the first quarter.

McKenzie began its next series at its own 44-yard line following a short punt, and once again headed downfield to extend its lead to 14-6.

A 34-yard run by McKenzie's Detric Womack got the drive started, and it was Womack that also got the score as he kept on a quarterback option and dashed 20 yards into the endzone. Bennett's extra-point was true, and with 6:56 left in



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders had an easy time keeping the big homecoming crowd fired up Friday night as the Bulldogs fought until the final horn before falling to the McKenzie Tigers 28-26. This week the Bulldogs will host Lyman Ward.

the quarter the Tigers were ahead 14-6.

The Kinston offense was determined to get back into the endzone, and wasted little time heading downfield. A 30 yard pass from Jason Wambles to Alan Bowdoin moved the Bulldogs to the Tigers' 26-yard line, but the drive ended abruptly five plays later, as a Wambles pass was picked off by McKenzie's Douglas Crittenden at the one-yard line.

Penalties helped move McKenzie across midfield, and when full-back Reggie McClain bolted 20 yards to the Kinston 3-yard line, the Tigers were again knocking on the door. Bennett drilled the extra-point attempt, putting McKenzie on top 21-6 with 8:02 remaining in the half.

Kinston began its next offensive possession at its own 35-yard line, and drove 65 yards in 14 plays to cut into the McKenzie advantage! A 33-yard scamper by Jeremy Osborn on the drive's sixth play was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown came when Jason Wambles bolted over two yards out. A two-point try failed, but with 2:59 left in the half Kinston had cut the McKenzie lead to 21-12.

Kinston's Ronnie Sansom recovered a McKenzie fumble on the ensuing kickoff to put the Bulldogs right back in business at the Tigers' 28-yard line, and just as a torrential downpour hit the field, the Bulldogs again headed toward the endzone. The Bulldogs were undaunted by the heavy rain, and quickly scored their third touchdown of the night. A key play in the drive was a 14-yard strike from Jason Wambles to Ronnie Sansom, who then lateraled the ball to Jeremy Osborn on a " flea-flicker," while the score came when Ronnie Sansom blasted over from two yards out. Chancy Lashley added the extra-point, and with 1:01 left in a wild first half, Kinston was within 21-19.

Kinston lost a fumble on its initial possession of the second half to set the Tigers up at the Bulldog 48-yard line, but the Bulldog defense refused to let McKenzie score following the turnover, and stopped the Tigers at the Kinston one-yard line when Chancy Lashley pounced on a Tiger bobble.

McKenzie put the ball in play at the Kinston 14-yard line late in the third quarter following a penalty on an apparent punt return for a touchdown, and it took the Tigers only one play to get back into the end-

zone, as Reggie McClain raced in on the 14-yard scoring jaunt. Bennett's extra-point was good, upping the McKenzie lead to 28-19 with 2:40 left in the third quarter.

McKenzie threatened to extend its lead on its next possession and drove to the Kinston 12-yard line, only to see the Bulldogs stiffen, and the Tigers came away empty-handed when a 27-yard field-goal try by Bennett sailed wide left.

Kinston got a badly needed break midway through the fourth quarter when McKenzie fumbled a punt, and the Bulldogs' Michael Farris recovered the bobble at the Tiger 44-yard line.

A pass interference penalty against McKenzie moved the ball to the 29-yard line, and on the next play Jason Wambles hit Ronnie Sansom with a bullet 28-yard pass. Wambles scored from a yard out on the next play, bringing the suddenly rabid Kinston fans to their feet. Lashley's extra-point was true, and with 6:09 left on the clock the Bulldogs had cut the McKenzie lead to 28-26.

McKenzie began its next series at the Tiger 41-yard line and kept the ball for 13 plays in an attempt to run out the clock, only to see the Bulldog defense rise to the challenge and regain possession when Kinston linebacker Michael Farris jarred the ball loose on a vicious hit, and also recovered the fumble to give the Bulldogs one final chance at the Kinston 30-yard line.

With only :18 left on the clock the Bulldogs had little hope of pulling off the upset; however, Kinston never gave up and moved to the McKenzie 49-yard line on a flea-flicker from Wambles to Sansom. The Rebels' final two passes of the night fell incomplete, and at the final horn McKenzie had escaped with a 28-26 win.

McKenzie's Reggie McClain gained 137 yards on 15 carries to lead the Tiger offense, while Doug Crittenden gained 117 yards on 11 carries.

The Bulldogs were led in rushing by Jeremy Osborn with 63 yards on 10 carries, and Adam Osborn with 59 yards on 7 carries.

STATISTICS		
K	M	
15	1st Downs	13
47-228	Rushes-Yds.	37-377
99	Passing Yds.	26
327	Total Offense	403
4-15-3	Passes	2-5-1
40	Return Yds.	58
4-24	Punts-Ave.	0-00
11-125	Penalties-Yds.	13-125

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Zion Chapel stunned by G.W. Long

A 'Long' night in 9-7 upset loss

By Cade Shiver, Sports Writer

A battered and bruised bunch of Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the G.W. Long Rebels Friday night, and accomplished little except getting soaked by a steady rain, as

Zion Chapel was upset 9-7 by the visiting Rebels.

The loss dropped Zion Chapel's record to 3-5, while G.W. Long improved to 2-7 with the win.

The two rivals swapped turnovers to open the game as the wet

conditions caused problems for both offenses.

G.W. Long got its third turnover of the first half near midfield on a ZC fumble, and marched 46 yards in 10 snaps to get within scoring range. A 29-yard field-goal by Drew Miller capped off the scoring march, and put Long on top 3-0 with 2:56 left in the second quarter.

G.W. Long recovered another Zion Chapel fumble at the ZC 33-yard line early in the second half, but was pushed back by the Zion Chapel defense, and failed to add to its slim lead.

The Zion Chapel offense couldn't solve the puzzle caused by the weather and the sticky Long defense, but did finally get a breath of life late in the third quarter, when Elliott Liptrot broke loose and scampered 69 yards for a touchdown. Kevin Hobbs tucked on the extra-point, and with 4:0 left in the third quarter Zion Chapel had moved ahead 7-3.

G.W. Long had an answer for the ZC touchdown; however, and took the ensuing kick and marched 69 yards in 11 plays to regain the lead.

Shannon Truitt got the score on a 4-yard dash, but the extra-point try failed, and with 7:12 left in the game Long's lead stood at 9-7.

The Zion Chapel offense failed to move on its next series, but regained possession with less than a minute left on the clock, and headed toward the Long endzone!

A 19-yard pass from Wade Parker to Kevin Hobbs and a 14-yard run by Elliott Liptrot kept the Zion Chapel hopes alive, but on the game's final play Billy Kelley was stopped far short, and G.W. Long had the 9-7 upset victory.

Shannon Truitt gained 141 yards on 32 carries to lead Long, while Elliott Liptrot gained 124 yards on 19 carries for Zion Chapel.

STATISTICS		
ZC	GWL	
8	1st Downs	13
176	Rushing Yds.	211
30	Passing Yds.	16
206	Total Offense	227
2-4-1	Passes	2-5-0
52	Return Yds.	55
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	3/1
15	Penalty Yds.	35

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A Zion Chapel win will put Rebels in playoffs, loss sends Gamecocks

The race to reach the Class 1A playoffs has come down to one game for the Zion Chapel Rebels and New Brockton Gamecocks, and while only one of the two Coffee County rivals can make the playoffs, both teams will be looking to claim important wins this week as the regular season rolls to a close.

If Zion Chapel defeats McKenzie this week, the Class 1A, Area 3 standings would be thrown into a three-team tie, with Zion Chapel, McKenzie and New Brockton all knotted atop the standings with 2-1 records. A Rebel win would give Zion Chapel a total of 40 tie-breaker points, while New Brockton already finished with 30 points, and McKenzie would finish the season with 30 points.

Zion Chapel would be declared the Area 3 champion based on its points, and since McKenzie and New Brockton would then be tied for the runner-up spot, McKenzie would earn the position by virtue of its win over the Gamecocks.

A McKenzie win would give the Tigers the outright title with a 3-0 slate and leave New Brockton as the runner-up at 2-1.

Following are previews of this week's games:

Zion Chapel at McKenzie
A trip to the state playoffs will be on the line in this Class 1A, Area 3 match-up Friday night when the (3-5) Zion Chapel Rebels travel to McKenzie to battle the (3-5) McKenzie Tigers.

The Rebels can claim the Area 3 title with a win, and should be well rested and ready to give its best shot in the game, as a number of Rebels sat out last week's loss to G.W. Long to get ready for the battle.

McKenzie will bring a three-game winning streak into the clash, and the Tigers know that they have already wrapped up a spot to the playoffs. The Tigers lost their first five games of the season to such powers as Georgiana, Flomaton, Brantley and Excel, but have defeated New Brockton 33-0, Red Level 33-0 and Kinston 28-26 over the past three weeks, and appear to be peaking at just the right time.

Both teams will leave everything on the field in this contest, which has to be the top game of the week.

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Lyman Ward at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to close out a disappointing season on a winning note Friday night when they host the Lyman Ward Fighting Rangers.

(1-8) Kinston almost pulled off the upset of the season a week ago against McKenzie, and should be fired up and confident heading into its season finale.

(0-6) Lyman Ward will make the long trip to South Alabama with hopes of getting its first win of the season. The Rangers have lost to Thorsby 20-6, Loachapoka 45-10, Beulah 66-14, Spring Garden 30-7, Bibb Graves 62-6 and Isabella.

The Bulldogs may prove to be rude hosts Friday night as they attempt to take out a season of frustrations on their visitors.

T.W. Martin at N. Brockton
The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to continue to build momentum for a possible playoff berth Friday night when they host the T.W. Martin Warriors.

The (4-5) Gamecocks claimed their second straight win last week over Red Level and for the season has averaged almost 20 points per game, led by quarterback Adam Barr and running backs Lee Flowers and Gene Streeter.

T.W. Martin has already been declared the 1A, Area 11 champion, and the Warriors will bring a 7-2 record into the cross-state clash. The Warriors have defeated Phillips 34-0, Meek 21-14, Parrish 13-7, Oakman 36-32, West Jefferson 21-9, Mt. Hope 21-6 and Thorsby 41-16, while losing to Lynn 27-0 and Berry 27-26.

Two teams that know nothing about each other will meet in this battle, and the team that wants the win the worst should emerge with the victory.

Georgiana at Brantley
The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to prevent closing out the season with two straight losses Friday night when they host the powerful Georgiana Panthers.

The (6-3) Bulldogs saw a three-game winning streak snapped last week in a 6-5 loss to A.L. Johnson, and need to gain some momentum before heading into the playoffs.

The (8-1) Panthers have been one of the state's top 2A teams all season in rolling up wins over McKenzie 41-6, Grand Bay 34-21, Elba 27-6, J.F. Shields 41-0, Red Level 56-0, Straughn 66-14, Trinity 49-19 and Florida 30-0, while losing only to Luverne 35-34, in double-overtime.

This may not be the kind of homecoming game the fans expect, but it could be a big lift heading into the playoffs if the Bulldogs could pull off the upset.

Team penning set for Nov. 11 at club arena

The Alabama Team Penning Association will host an "Added Money Ride-Off" on Nov. 11, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Geneva County arena.

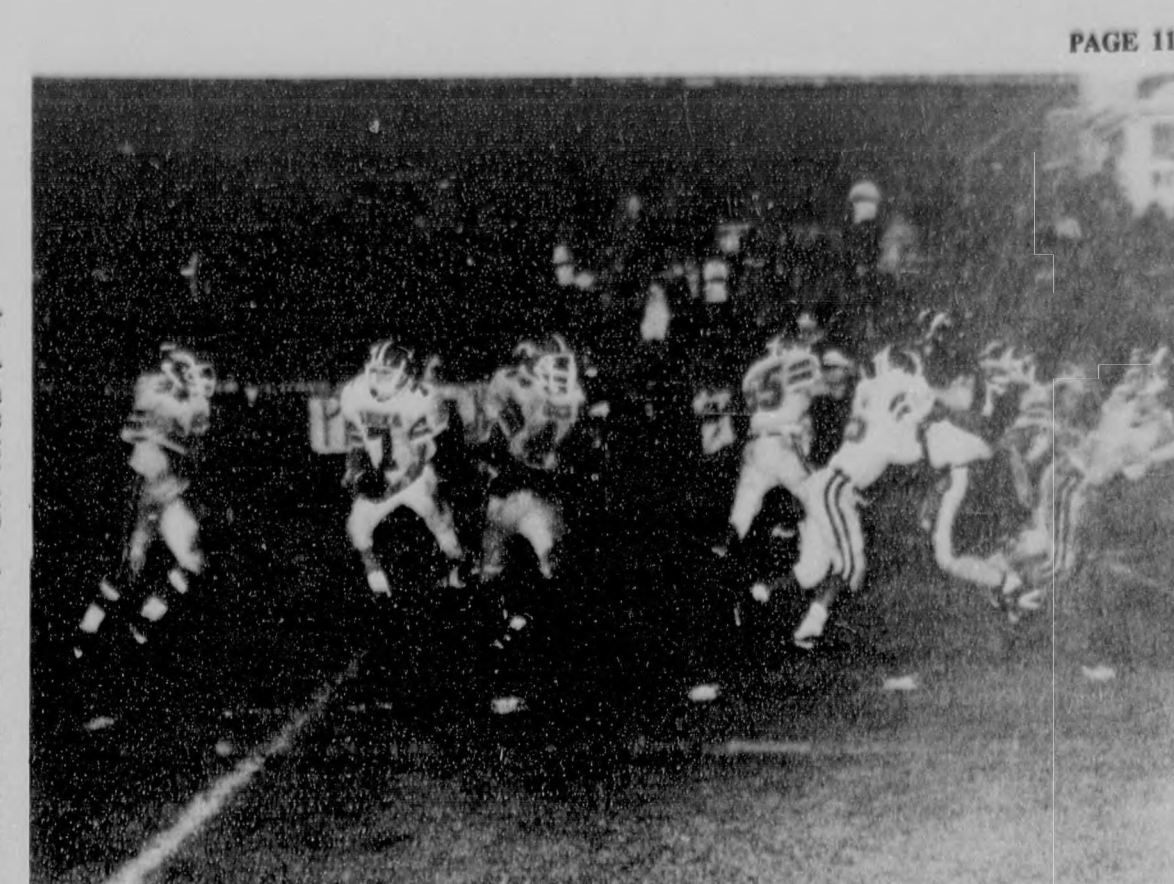
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New Brockton's Adam Barr (7) turns to hand off to tailback Lee Flowers (33) as Gene Streeter (44), Devin Kelly (55) and Jason Sims (66) open a hole. The Gamecocks scored on the final play of the game to pull even at 12-12 and then won the game in double-overtime.

New Brockton slashes past Red Level in double-overtime 18-12

By Chris Flowers, Sports Writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored a touchdown with no time left on the clock to send the game into overtime, and then scored the game winner on the first play of double-overtime, to claim a thrilling 18-12 win over the Red Level Tigers, Friday night in Red Level.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 4-5, while Red Level slipped to 0-9 with the loss.

New Brockton stopped Red Level cold on the initial offensive series of the night, but gave the ball right back to the Tigers at the Gamecock 22-yard line on a fumble, and then watched as Russell Lee broke loose and scampered 22 yards for a Red Level touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 9:22 left in the first quarter Red Level was already on top 6-0.

The Gamecock defense turned back a Red Level drive at the New Brockton 31-yard line early in the second quarter, and this time the offense responded as it marched 69 yards in 10 plays to pull even at 6-6.

A 30-yard gain on a pass from Adam Barr to Lee Flowers was a key play in the drive, while Gene Streeter gained 19 yards on three carries and caught one pass for 6 yards during the scoring march.

Both teams lost fumbles in the first overtime, and as the game entered the second overtime, the Gamecocks put the ball in play at the Red Level 10-yard line. Barr went for the score on first down, and hit Lee Flowers with a 10-yard scoring strike, putting Brockton ahead 18-12.

The Tigers had hopes of pulling out the win with a score and an extra-point, but those hopes died quickly, as on Red Level's first play Tony Holloman knocked the ball loose from a Red Level runner, and then pounced on the loose ball, giving the Gamecocks the wet and wild 18-12 win.

Adam Barr gained 55 yards on 10 carries to lead New Brockton, while Russell Lee led Red Level with 147 yards on 15 carries.

STATISTICS

NB		
14	1st Downs	9
170	Rushing Yds.	212
46	Passing Yds.	0
216	Total Offense	212
3-16-1	Passes	0-1-0
5/5	Fumbles/Lost	2/2
20	Penalty Yds.	25

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Since the Elba work release program started in 1976 it has been a financial and manpower mecca for Elba and surrounding area businesses.

As the former Administrator of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home until early 1984 more than fifty inmates were employed. Not one took a job from anyone WANTING to work.

The contribution their income makes to the local economy is immeasurable. The income also contributes to the support of their families, pays part of their maintenance expense, pays local, state and federal taxes, and upon release provides sav-

ings to help with a new start in life.

Currently, there are sixteen full-time employees at the facility. The operating budget of the center exceeds one million dollars including more than sixty thousand dollars for local utilities. Thousands on man-hours have been provided, voluntarily, free, to city and county governments, schools, and many other non-profit organizations.

Sure, the interim barracks type mobile home has a 54 bed capacity with limited bathroom facilities. The misconception is that all occupants would be present at the same time. The fact is that seldom, if ever, would all occupants be present at the same time since they work three shifts. No one raised hell when many of us as soldiers had to sleep in "pup tents" with only 12-15 square feet of space when 35 had to sleep in tents with no "indoor facilities".

As one of the many business and professional people that supported the establishment of the work release center in Elba, I often visited the facility and always found health and security top priority of the warden and conditions always satisfactory. In conclusion, I believe the center has been, and will continue to be, good for Elba and surrounding areas. I do not believe Warden Gullion and his competent staff nor Commissioner Jones would allow anything within their control to jeopardize the excellent standing the center enjoys in the community.

James H. Nichols
Elba

Open Letter to Elba United
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Yours in Christ,
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Dear Editor:

I have been an avid reader of The Elba Clipper since I was a young boy growing up in Elba, and I still enjoy reading The Clipper weekly. This letter is to commend Mr. Fern Cox and staff on a job well done. Also, this letter is a response to part of a letter written to the editor by Jane Johnson, New Brockton, Alabama, and printed in your October 26, 1995 edition of The Elba Clipper. Ms. Johnson stated in her article that "As for Elba being the 'county seat', it originated in Clintonville and New Brockton, then was moved to Elba and then split into two by crony politics," according to her research. I researched a little on my own, part of which took place during the 1965-66 school year when I wrote my English term paper for Mrs. Catherine Spurlin's English class on "The History of My Town, Elba."

Coffee County was created by the legislature on December 29, 1841. The first commissioners were directed to select a point as near the center of the county as possible for the location of the county seat, not to exceed six miles from the center of the county. When selected, the county seat was to be known as Wellborn. The first courthouse and jail were completed during the year of 1845, but there was no exact knowledge that any private buildings were erected at Wellborn. The original courthouse was located about twelve miles west of Enterprise, near the present day location of Damascus Baptist Church.

During March of 1851, fire destroyed the courthouse in Wellborn. Because of opposition in rebuilding the courthouse at Wellborn, the state legislature passed an act on January 31, 1852, that directed the sheriff to hold an election on the first Monday in August 1852, to determine the permanent location of the courthouse.

The electors were authorized to select Elba, originally called Bentonville, or Indigo Head, Clintonville. Elba received 491 votes, Indigo Head received 433 votes.

I took eleven years for the people of Coffee County to agree on a permanent site for the county seat. The title to the jail and courthouse was conveyed to the county on September 12, 1853. The courthouse has remained on the same square in Elba since that time.

Personally, I think that the courthouse in Elba should be preserved as a historical site for future generations. The courthouse withstood not only the great flood of 1929, but also the flood of 1990, and is one of the few remaining structures of history gone by.

Sincerely,
Jerry F. Brown, Dean of Students
Rutherford High School
Panama City, FL

Jaycees to sponsor
second annual
Christmas Contest

The Elba Jaycees will sponsor their second annual Christmas Contest on December 2, 1995. This year, five age divisions will compete for the titles of Tiny Mr. and Miss Christmas (ages 2-4 years), Mini Mr. and Miss Christmas (K-3), Little Miss Christmas (grades 4-6), Jr. Miss Christmas (grades 7-9), and Miss Christmas (grades 10-12).

The contest is open to anyone residing at an Elba address. Entry forms for the contest will be available on November 2, 1995 at the Elba City School Complex or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Elba Jaycees, Rt. 5 Box 98-B, Elba, AL 36323. Entry for each participant is \$25 payable with the return of your entry form on or before November 16, 1995. An organizational meeting will be held November 16, 1995 at the Elba St. Citizens Center across from the Elba Police Department. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and all participants need to be present along with one parent. Contest dress is Sunday best in the spirit of Christmas. (No pageant attire will be allowed.)

The contest will be held December 2, 1995 in the Elba High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m. All winners will ride in the Elba Christmas Parade. Proceeds of the contest will help children at Christmas time. For more information, call Leona Siler at 897-2266 or Louise Duncan at 897-2363.

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Dear Citizen:

I am writing to ask for your assistance with a project for the community. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department has recently approved the addition of a highly trained police dog. The new dog would not only be used for fighting crime, but also for a special school education program that teaches our children the dangers of drug abuse. At this time, the only obstacle we face is funding.

The Dogs Against Drugs/Dogs Against Crime (DAD/DAC) team, a national police K9 association based in Indiana, has volunteered to help our department raise the funds to by the dog. The new dog would be trained for drug detection, tracking missing persons or fleeing criminals, building searches, and other functions. In order to fund the entire project, including the cost of the dog, training and related equipment, our goal is to raise \$8,000.

We are asking the business community to help us with buying the new dog. The benefits to the community are many. These dogs are used in finding criminals who may be hiding in buildings. They are used in ways that can greatly reduce a threat to the life of officers. And of course, they are used to find drugs, helping our police officers stop the supply of drugs before they reach

our children. In cooperation with the DAD/DAC team, I will also be using the new dog to provide educational seminars for children on the dangers of drug abuse.

Support of this project is an investment in our community. Not only will the new K9 team be providing educational seminars, but will also be used when needed in neighboring cities and towns. Having a K9 team on-call will be an extra measure of confidence for our citizens and law enforcement officials as well.

Please consider helping, and if you have any questions contact Officer Jack Herbert at the Sheriff's Department. If you can help please make your tax-deductible donation payable to Dogs Against Drugs/Dogs Against Crime and send it to Officer Herbert, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, 4 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please indicate on the envelope "K9 Program". All funds collected will go to the K9 fund; no payments will be made to any other organization. By making your donation through a non-profit organization, the amount is fully tax deductible. With your help we can continue the battle against drug dealing and other crimes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Jack Herbert
Coffee County Sheriff's Dept.



ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOWS DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Wednesday, October 11, 1995, Elba Elementary School had 27 students were running for offices on the Elba Elementary School Student Council. The student council is only three years old at the elementary school. Each year the program gets better and more active. Because of this, each year Elba Elementary also has more candidates running for office. The election process starts when students decide that they would like to run for an office. This has to be approved by both their parents and the school. The students running for office must have good grades and be a positive role model for other students. They must also be willing to give their time and talents to the student council organization. Students are reminded that they are the voice for the other students once they become an officer. These students then have to write a speech, campaign, make that speech in front of all the elementary students, and hardest of all, wait for the results. There is usually a run-off election because all of those making speeches do a good job that the students have a hard time choosing. This year the school had an excellent election. Those running for office were: President: Chelsea Cooper, Katie Crowe, Amanda Fish, Wesley Kelley, and Evan Maddox; Vice President: Bart Barnes, Chris Brunson, Austin Boothe, Tami Robinson, Casey Skinner, Deann Smith, Julius Smith, and Kristy Ward; Secretary: Brittany Daniels, Kara Giles, Ashley Hareless, Adam Henderson, Ashley Lamb, Lowayne Parks, Miranda Russell, and Kestley Tyson; Treasurer: Justin Allen, Jason Curran, Elizabeth Farris, Blake Lambert, Melissa Sanders, and Danae Ware.

On Saturday, October 21, the New Brockton High School Marching Band traveled to Opp, Alabama to the Little Big Horn Band Contest. The drum major, colorguard, majorettes, and drum line received superior or ratings. The band received an excellent rating.

New Brockton High School Marching Band gets excellent rating at band contest in Opp

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Survey report predicts
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Wiregrass area

Southeast Alabama faces a critical water shortage for residential and commercial use in the next 45 years if alternative water resources remain untapped and current-use trends continue, said a state geologist.

Marlon R. Cook, a geologist for the Geological Survey of Alabama, recently completed a year-long study for the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority. The watershed authority is a state agency that monitors water quality and quantity in Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Pike counties.

Mr. Cook's report indicates troubled waters ahead if underground water supplies continue to be stressed at current levels. "In 1990, most water used by public systems in the 10-county area that makes up the watershed was groundwater, meaning it was water pumped from aquifers deep in the earth," Mr. Cook said. "If the decision is made to continue over pumping of aquifers in the area, Dothan and Fort Rucker will encounter serious groundwater-supply problems by the year 2040. Other communities won't be far behind."

Drilling additional wells could postpone the problem a few more decades but inevitably all population centers eventually will exhaust their groundwater, Mr. Cook said.

The answer lies in the use of surface water - rainfall, he said. Most cities design streets and sewer systems to remove water runoff as quickly as possible to the nearest creek, stream or river, he said. That makes problems worse in flood-prone areas downstream, he said.

Steps can be taken to control the water when it falls, Mr. Cook said. Impoundments such as ponds and reservoirs ranging in size from one to 10 acres could be built in strategic locations throughout the watershed to hold the water, he said.

"The impoundments have several benefits," Mr. Cook said. "They could provide a stable source of public water supply for areas with rapidly declining groundwater levels. They provide protection for flood-prone communities by allowing the water to be held and released slowly or diverted for other uses instead of large amounts of water being released within a short period of time. The impoundments provide recreational opportunities and increase economic development by establishing a stable water source."

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COMPLAINTS FROM BUSINESSMAN ON PARKING HEARD BY COUNCIL

New Brockton receives \$25,000.00 grant

by Marvin McLain - Editor

The New Brockton Town Council moved through a 26-item agenda in just over an hour Monday evening. After reviewing the conditions of a recently awarded \$25,000.00 grant to the police department, council members approved its acceptance. The grant was applied for by Lenwood Herron, a native of New Brockton who works with Southern Research Center, Inc.

The company specializes in assisting towns in applying for both state and federal grants and other government funds. Herron explained to council members that the grant approved for New Brockton is to be used primarily to pay overtime for existing police officers, and not to hire new police men.

"We prepared this application as a courtesy to our hometown," said Herron. "There will be no charge for our services on this application."

It was noted by Herron that New Brockton was 1 of 6 towns statewide that was funded in the first round of the COPS MORE Program. The funds received through the grant will help the town pay 75% of the cost of police overtime on the streets and in the community. Should the town not spend the total amount in a 12 month period, an extension can be requested.

After several minutes of discussion, the council voted unanimously to accept the grant with one provision. That provision being, that Police Chief Charles Driggers, with the assistance of Herron, be responsible for keeping the records and filing the necessary documents to procure the funds. Both Driggers and Herron readily agreed to do so.

No date was specified when funds would become available to the department.

Continuing with other matters of

business, Chief Driggers reported that his department, during the past month, had answered 10 complaints, made 3 criminal arrests, investigated 5 accidents with 2 fatalities and 1 injury, and issued 42 traffic citations.

The rescue squad made 20 runs while the fire department responded to 3 calls.

Chief Driggers also presented a proposal that the town purchase a cellular telephone to be used in case of an emergency.

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Before adjourning, the council voted to take action on seeing that vacant lots in the town are kept clean.

Each member of the council agreed to survey their district and provide the police department with the proper information so that contact can be made with appropriate property owners concerning this matter.

The council also voted to strictly enforce the "no smoking" policy in all municipal buildings.

In other matters of business the council took the following actions:

***Approved payment of bills totaling \$4,483.75.

***Approved an up-dated list of reserve police officers.

***Discontinued garbage service to three residents.

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